

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

A complete listing of claims is as follows:

Claim 1. (*Previously Amended*) An assembly for retaining a boot on a sports apparatus, said assembly comprising:

a base provided to receive a sole of the boot, a disk provided to retain the base on the apparatus, the disk having at least two elongated holes, parallel to one another, which extend through the disk in its thickness, and at least two screws each extending through an elongated hole, and a plate that is parallel to the disk, the plate sliding along the length of the elongated holes, at least two holes extending through the plate in its thickness, each screw extending through a hole of the plate, retaining means retaining the screws on the plate.

Claim 2. (*Original*) A retaining assembly according to claim 1, wherein the plate is located on the lower portion of the disk.

Claim 3. (*Original*) A retaining assembly according to claim 1, wherein the plate is housed in a cavity of the disk.

Claim 4. (*Previously Amended*) A retaining assembly according to claim 3, wherein the plate has a generally square shape, and wherein the cavity has a generally parallelepipedic shape.

Claim 5. (*Original*) A retaining assembly according to claim 1, wherein the disk has four elongated holes, parallel to one another, aligned in pairs, across from one another in pairs, and wherein the plate has four holes spread to the four corners of a square.

Claim 6. (*Currently Amended*) ~~An A-retaining assembly according to claim 1, wherein~~  
for retaining a boot on a sports apparatus, said assembly comprising:

a base provided to receive a sole of the boot;

a disk provided to retain the base on the apparatus, the disk having at least two elongated holes, parallel to one another, which extend through the disk in its thickness;

at least two screws each extending through an elongated hole;

a plate that is parallel to the disk, the plate being slidable along the lengths of the elongated holes, at least two holes extending through the plate in a thickness of the plate, each screw extending through a hole of the plate, retaining means retaining the screws on the plate,  
all of the at least two screws extending ~~extend~~ through respective ones of the holes of the plate.

Claim 7. (*Canceled*)

Claim 8. (*Currently Amended*) A retaining assembly according to claim 12, ~~7~~ wherein the plate is located beneath the disk.

Claim 9. (*Currently Amended*) A retaining assembly according to claim 12, ~~7~~ wherein the plate is housed in a cavity of the disk.

Claim 10. (*Previously Added*) A retaining assembly according to claim 9, wherein the plate has a generally square shape, and wherein the cavity of the disk has a generally parallelepipedic shape.

Claim 11. (*Currently Amended*) A retaining assembly according to claim 12, ~~7~~ wherein the at least two elongated holes of the disk comprise four elongated holes extending in the same direction, the four elongated holes being arranged in two spaced-apart pairs of elongated holes, and wherein the at least two holes of the plate comprises four holes positioned at four corners of a square.

Claim 12. (*Currently Amended*) ~~An A retaining assembly according to claim 7,~~ wherein for retaining a boot on a snowboard, said assembly comprising:

a base adapted to be supported on the snowboard and adapted to support a sole of the boot;

a disk provided to retain the assembly on the snowboard, the disk having at least two elongated holes extending through a thickness of the disk, each of the two elongated holes being elongated in the same direction;

a plate positioned for sliding in the direction of the elongated holes, the plate having at least two holes extending through a thickness of the plate;

at least two screws extending through respective ones of the at least two elongated holes of the disk, and all of the at least two screws extending ~~extend~~ through respective ones of the holes of the plate.

Claim 13. (*Canceled*)

Claim 14. (*Currently Amended*) A retaining assembly according to claim 20, ~~13~~, wherein the base comprises a circular opening through a thickness of the base and a circular disk nested in the circular opening of the base for rotation within the circular opening of the base, and wherein the at least two elongated holes extend through the disk of the base.

Claim 15. (*Previously Added*) A retaining assembly according to claim 14, wherein the plate is positioned beneath the disk.

Claim 16. (*Previously Added*) A retaining assembly according to claim 14, wherein the plate is positioned above the disk.

Claim 17. (*Previously Added*) A retaining assembly according to claim 14, wherein the plate is housed in a cavity of the disk.

Claim 18. (*Previously Added*) A retaining assembly according to claim 17, wherein the plate has a generally square shape, and wherein the cavity of the disk has a generally parallelepipedic shape.

Claim 19. (*Previously Added*) A retaining assembly according to claim 14, wherein the at least two elongated holes of the disk comprise four elongated holes extending in the same direction, the four elongated holes being arranged in two spaced-apart pairs of elongated holes, and wherein the at least two holes of the plate comprises four holes positioned at four corners of a square.

Claim 20. (*Previously Added*) ~~An A-retaining assembly according to claim 13, wherein~~  
for retaining a boot on a snowboard, said assembly comprising:

a base adapted to be secured onto the snowboard and adapted to support a sole of  
the boot;

at least two elongated holes extending through a thickness of the base, each of the  
two elongated holes being elongated in the same direction;

a plate positioned for sliding in the direction of the elongated holes, the plate having  
at least two holes extending through a thickness of the plate;

at least two screws extending through respective ones of the two elongated holes  
of the base, and all of the at least two screws extending ~~extend~~ through respective ones of the  
holes of the plate.

Claim 21. (*Newly Added*) A retaining assembly according to claim 1, wherein the plate  
is a single plate.

Claim 22. (*Newly Added*) A retaining assembly according to claim 12, wherein all of  
the at least two screws are threadably engageable with respective ones of the holes of the plate.

Claim 23. (*Newly Added*) A retaining assembly according to claim 20, wherein all of  
the at least two screws are threadably engageable with respective ones of the holes of the plate.